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EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2003 BOARD AGENDA ITEM# 51-B: PROPERTY DAMAGED BY FOSTER CHILDREN

On September 9, 2003, in response to a motion by Supervisor Antonovich, your Board ordered the Department of Children and Family Services to report back in 30 days with a plan to compensate foster parents when their property is damaged or stolen by foster youth.

Currently, there exists no insurance policy within the Department of Children and Family Services to pay a foster parent when they allege that a foster youth has stolen or damaged property in their home. The Department will explore options to assist foster parents in recouping losses from such incidents and conduct an impact study to assist the County to evaluate the feasibility of paying such claims.

It is respectfully requested that the Department be granted a 30-day extension to provide a final recommendation regarding a plan to compensate foster parents for damage. The Department is being assisted by the Chief Administrative Office to explore all options for compensation.

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If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may call Helen Berberian at (213) 351-5530.

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